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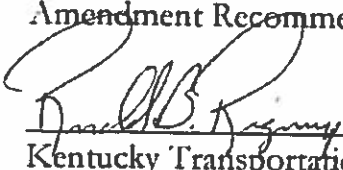
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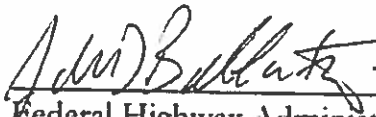
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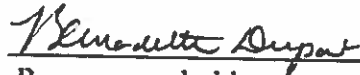
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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Date
Ronald B. Rigney, Director
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Approval of STIP Amendment:


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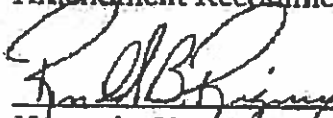
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TIP Endorsement & Approval

Resolution Endorsing and Approving the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 (Federal-Aid Highway planning requirements), and capable of meeting the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 1603(a) (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is the policy body of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes expenditure of funds for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended through November 26, 1974, authorizes expenditure of funds for transit planning, capital and operating programs; and

WHEREAS, proposed expenditures of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funds for the Evansville Urbanized Area are contained in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

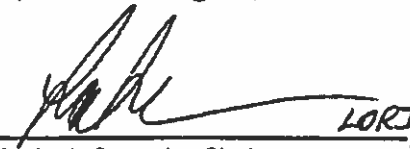
WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization has complied with the CAAA requirements as they pertain to the development and conformity of the 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program ; and

WHEREAS, the MPO consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies did not take exception to the MPO finding that: (1) each project in the TIP is consistent with the design concept and scope of the project that was modeled in the most recent conformity demonstration; (2) the open to traffic date of each project in the TIP is consistent with open to traffic dates in the most recent conformity demonstration; (3) that the previous emissions analysis meets the requirements of 40 CFR 93.118 and demonstrate conformity of the TIP. Regionally significant projects in the 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program are a subset of projects in the conforming Evansville MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040. Therefore, TIP conformity relies upon the 2040 Transportation Plan conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, development of the TIP followed the MPO public participation plan, including public notice of meetings and a public comment period; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration guidelines contained in Federal Register 40, No. 181, September 17, 1975, require endorsement by the policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of a Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element as a prerequisite to expenditure of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit funds.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, at its regular meeting of May 7, 2015 endorses the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program, 2016-2019.


LORI S. BUEHLMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN
Mr. Jack Corn, Jr., Chairperson
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

May 7, 2015

TIP Endorsement & Approval

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS CERTIFICATION

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Evansville urbanized area hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of Titles 23 and 49 USC, specifically:

- II. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, and 23 CFR part 450.300;
- III. In nonattainment and maintenance area, section 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
- IV. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- V. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or in business opportunities;
- VI. Section 1101 (b) of the MAP-21 (Pub.L. 112-41) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- VII. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- VIII. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 Et. seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- IX. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- X. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding prohibition or discrimination based on gender; and
- XI. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

In February 2013, the United States Department of Transportation conducted an on-site certification review of the Evansville MPO urban transportation planning process. The USDOT issued a subsequent finding that the Evansville MPO was fully certified as meeting all pertinent requirements.

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization


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Kevin McLearn - Chief District Engineer

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July 1, 2015

In Reply Refer To:
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Ms. Brandy Hendrickson
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Hendrickson:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration have completed its review of the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT's) FY 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the respective 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPOs') Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that we received June 5, 2015 and was supplemented on July 1, 2015. We hereby give our approval.

We would like to recognize INDOT for its significant efforts to resolve the corrective action that was issued with our approval of the previous FY 2014-2017 STIP regarding the roles and responsibilities within the planning process and to update the planning agreements. Your staff and the Indiana MPOs collaborated to produce the Planning Roles, Responsibilities and Cooperative Operation Manual (PRRCOM) which identifies the planning contacts within INDOT and specifies the responsibilities for specific state and MPO planning functions, as well as, establishes processes for various core planning documents. The PRRCOM was finalized last September 2014 and has been used to guide the development of the FY 2016 planning products, such as Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and the Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) and Statement of Works (SOWs).

New planning agreements between INDOT, the MPOs and the Transit Operators have been established. As noted by you, there is one exception for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, as their structure has been dictated by state statute. We plan to address this issue in Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's future certification review.

We are pleased these planning issues have been conducted in a cooperative spirit and we consider the issues related to be addressed. In addition, we recognize INDOT's desire to take the lead on the planning reviews with the MPOs under the 200,000 population. We strongly believe this oversight action will help to serve as the basis for INDOT's endorsement of the self-certification of the metropolitan planning process.

Regarding the FY 2016-2019 STIP, INDOT continues to utilize the Public Private Partnership (P3) mechanism to fund four major projects, the Ohio River Bridges, I-69 Section 5, I-69 Section 6, and the Illiana. The STIP is consistent with the most recent available finance plans. As

finance plan documents are updated in the coming months, we appreciate that INDOT has committed to updating the STIP to be consistent with the updated finance plans.

In order to maximize safety on Indiana's highways and roads, INDOT is strongly encouraged to improve its obligation rates for the use of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). We encourage INDOT to communicate guidance and options to MPOs and local agencies resulting in obligating effective safety projects. Eligible projects can include: backplates with retroreflective borders on signals, pedestrian countdown heads (especially in downtown high-pedestrian areas); pedestrian crosswalk warning signs and flashing beacons and special pavement markings and refuge areas; yellow signal timing and interconnect for safety projects; one signal head per travel lane; guardrail at new locations; and/or the upgrade of pre-NCHRP-350 (National Cooperative Highway Research Report 350) guardrail end terminals. MPOs are encouraged to program up to 15% of their allotted HSIP funds for planning purposes for activities like Road Safety Audits. These HSIP planning activities must be identified in the MPOs' UPWPs/SOWs, as well as included in the MPOs' TIPs and the STIP. (The MPOs may use Planning funds (PL) to conduct safety studies as well).

INDOT, through the Asset Management process, has identified safety projects, most of which are eligible for HSIP. It is expected that these projects will be programmed and built as identified in order to create a safer state highway system and assist Indiana in achieving their safety goals.

We anticipate final rules implementing performance measures stipulated in *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21) legislation to be issued the coming months. MAP-21 identifies seven national goals for Safety, Infrastructure Conditions, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality, Environmental Sustainability and Reducing Project Delivery Delays. INDOT and the MPOs will work to cooperatively set performance measures and targets in the planning process.

FHWA and FTA have determined the TIPs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process by INDOT and the 14 MPOs, and the transit operators in accordance to 23 CFR 450. The TIPs for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization are subject to the provisions of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) have been found to conform. We have attached our approval letters in the enclosure. In addition this planning finding is based upon the extent that all the projects in the FY 2016-2019 STIP are the result of planning processes in accordance with provisions in the U.S.C. 23 and U.S.C. 49. Further analysis and areas for attention are identified in the enclosure.

We look forward to working with you on implementing the FY 2016-2019 STIP. Should you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newland, FHWA Planning Program Manager, FHWA Planning Program Manager, at (317) 226-5353 or Joyce.Newland@dot.gov or Tony Greep, FTA Transportation Program Specialist, at (312) 353-1646 or Anthony.Greep@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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Division Administrator
FHWA Indiana Division



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July 1, 2015

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Dear Mr. Nunnally:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the documents necessary to make an air quality conformity finding on the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and recommend that we find the amendments conforms to the applicable air quality conformity requirements. Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the conformity analyses was completed.

Therefore, FHWA and FTA find the EMPO FY 2016-2019 TIP conform as required by the conformity rule. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Michelle Allen of FHWA at (317) 226-7344 or Tony Greep of FTA at (312) 353-1646.

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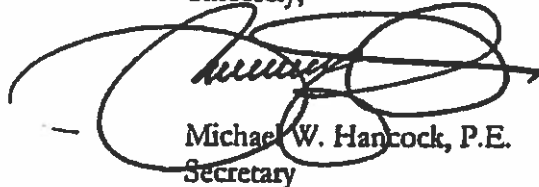
Dear Mr. Policinski:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has reviewed the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Metropolitan Planning Organization FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for compliance with the metropolitan planning requirements included in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

It is my pleasure to approve the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Metropolitan Planning Organization FY 2016-2019 TIP as the Designee of Governor Steve Beshear. KYTC will incorporate the new TIP by reference into Kentucky's FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Please contact Beth Jones at (502) 782-5098 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Hancock, P.E.
Secretary

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